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#### NAMES ADDED TO OUR FILE

- 106 ALARD/ALLARD 1903 Koekelberg, BT, 1874 Schaerbeek, BT, 1850 Arquennes HT
- 107 BEAUPREZ, Louisville, Boulder, Co., 1878 Langemark WF (back to 1800)
- 097 BECKER 1771 Useldange, GD Lux.
- 106 BERNAUW 1795 Erembodegem, EF
- 106 BERNHAD 1859 Alost EF
- 106 BEULLEKENS 1816 Leuven BT
- 106 BEYS 1800? St. Truiden? LB
- 107 BREYNE 1800? Langemark, WF
- 106 BRYN 1790? Erembodegem? EF
- 106 CARDON 1770? Erpe? EF
- 097 CHRISTOPHORUS 1771 Plettenberg? ??
- 106 COLEMONT 1835 St. Truiden, LB

- 111 VAN EGMONT 1771? Gavere? EF
- 107 VAN OOST 1800? Langemark? WF?
- 022 VAN PARYS 1761 Pateghem EF
- 107 VANSTAEN 1347 Langemark WF
- 107 VERHAEGHE 1883 Langemark WF, 1780? St. Jan Ieper WF
- 107 VERHOEST 1847 Langemark WF
- 107 VIERSTRAETE 1780? Langemark WF
- 110 VROOME 1815 ? Antwerp? AN?
- 109 VUIDARD 1825? Bertogne? LX
- 106 WALGRAEF, 1765? Aalst/Alost EF
- 106 WELLEKENS 1852 Aalst/Alost EF

#### FROM OUR MEMBERS

Albert DETRIE/DUTRIE was born in Brown Co., Wi. on 21 July 1867, he was the son of Louis DETRIE and Catherine VANDEN BOREN; on 24 Oct. 1893 he married Regina QUYS ? daughter of William, in Brown Co. The DETRIE family seems to be from the Verrijck area of Brabant province. The QUYS (or TUYLS ?) were from Oud Heverlee, BT; William QUYS married Ann Mary ADRIAENS (daughter of William ADRIAENS and Jane Josephine WERGE) on 11 April 1866 in Green Bay. William QUYS was the son of John Baptist and Mary VANDERHEYDEN. Anyone having informations about these families please contact: Arthur DETRIE, 530 Rugby Place, Bossier City, Louisiana 71111.

Anita M. BECKER is searching for ancestors in Belgium by the name of KULTGEN. The KULTGENS came to Ozaukee Co. in 1847 and settled in the town of Belgium, Wisconsin. The KULTGENS were from Sterpenich, LX. Anyone having informations pertaining to the KULTGEN ancestry, please contact Anita BECKER

303 North Garfield Ave., Port Washington, Wi. 53074

Denise FRANSAER CORKE was born in Belgium and came to the U.S. quite a few years ago, her mother joining her a few years later. It was Denise's mother who kept their Belgian heritage alive with her knowledge of the history and the many stories that she told her grandchildren. There is a Belgian settlement near Watseka, the small village of L'Erable, Denise heard that when the first Belgians arrived there, they put up the Belgian flag and claimed the area for the king !!!!! Denise had done a tremendous amount of research on her ancestry, and she is planning to go back to Belgium within a year or two to further that research. She notes that on her maternal side, the ALARD/ALLARDS have the same A.J. initials for seven generations. Most of her ancestors come from East Flanders. Denise FRANSAER CORKE, 912 E. Locust St., Watseka, Ill. 60970

Another very successful researcher is Evelyn SANTILLI, except for Ignace Jos. VERHAEGHE who was from St. Jan/Ieper, WF, the rest of her ancestry has been traced so far to Langemark, WF. her emigrant ancestors are Arthur BEAUPREZ and Irma Maria VERHAEGHE both from Langemark, WF. they settled in Colorado. Evelyn SANTILLI, 31480 Hilltop Rd., Golden, Colorado 80403.

John THEISEN was born in Belgium and came to this country in 1955, he is searching for possible descendants of his greatuncle, Jean (John) THEISEN who came to the U.S. probably around 1860. Jean THEISEN was born in Bertogne, LX., on 28 Sept. 1852, he was the son of Hilaire THEISEN (from Heinerschied GD Lux) and Jeanne Jos. VUIDARD of Bertogne. Anyone having informations about the descendants of Jean THEISEN please contact John THEISEN, 710 Elton-Adelphia Road, Freehold, N.J. 07728.

- 107 CROMBEZ 1826, Langemark, WF
- 022 DABLEEKERE 1747 (married) Pateghem EF
- 106 DER BUISSCHER 1884 Schepen, EF
- 104 DETRIE 1876 Verrijck BT
- 022 DE VOS 1743 Nukerke EF
- 106 DE Wael 1819 Erembodegem EF
- 107 DE WANCKER 1780? Langemark? WF
- 022 DE WOLF 1730? Nukerke? EF
- 097 DOSSER/DOSE 1701 Messancy LX
- 097 FEPPPEL/FEBBEL 1708 Messancy LX
- 106 FRANSAER, Forest, 1904 Erembodegem EF - 1796 Erpe EF
- 106 GEVERS 1783 Leuven (St. Jacques Parish) BT
- 107 GHIMEHEIR 1820? Langemark? WF
- 097 GILLET 1758? Rodange GD Lux
- 106 GILMON 1800? Arquennes HT
- 097 HANTZ/HANS 1690 Gueliff LX
- 106 HENSMANS 1351 Nederockerzeel, BT
- 106 KEYTENS 1780? Deinze EF
- 105 KULTGEN emigrated 1847 from Sterpernich/Autelbas, LX to Belgium Wi.
- 097 LAMPERT(S) 1675 Haut Charage GD Lux
- 107 LIGNEEL 1806 Langemark, WF
- 104 LORIN 1750? Oud Heverlee BT
- 106 MATHYS 1821? Bergh BT
- 097 MENDELS/MENNELS 1728 Selange LX
- 097 NEU 1796 Boulaide, GD Lux
- 107 PLATTEEUW 1815 Langemark WF
- 110 RENIER 1845? Antwerp? AN?
- 104 QUYS 1840? Oud Heverlee BT to Green Bay 1872
- 097 SOOS 1724 Messancy LX
- 106 STANNAERT 1740? Erpe? EF
- 106 TELLIER 1816 Arquennes HT
- 109 THEISEN 1852 Bertogne LX, 1820? Heinerscheid GD Lux
- 097 THIS /THIJS 1796 Boulaide GD Lux.
- 097 TURPINGEN 1727 Messancy, LX
- 106 VANCAUTER 1710? Erpe? EF
- 107 VANDENBUSSCHE 1790? Langemark? WF
- 106 VAN HAURRE 1790? Erembodegem EF
- 099 VANDERKERCKHOVE 1847 Ruddervoorde ?WF
- 104 VAN DEN BOREN 1880? Verrijck BT
- 099 VANDEPITTE 1845 Ichteghem ? WF
- 106 VANDERHELSTRAETEN 1871 St. Josse-Ten-Noode BT
- 104 VANDERHEYDEN 1805? Oud Heverlee? BT

- 3 Mary CALVERT's grandfather, John Philip RENIER emigrated to Belgium about 1859-1860. Mary thinks that he came to Madison, Maine via Quebec. John Philip RENIER enlisted in the Civil War and returned to Madison, crippled by a shot in his hip. He was a successful farmer and Madison Postmaster for many years. His enlistment card in the Maine State Archives gives his birthplace as Antwerp, Belgium, his father as John RENIER, his mother as Victoria VROOME, birth date: April 3, 1845. Mary (RENIER) CALVERT, Lincoln St., E. Boothbay, Me. 04544 (summer address). 5300 Ocean Blvd. 501, Sarasota, Fl. 33581 (winter address).

*Birth record  
Belgium*

The following is a query from Dorothy G. HELMER, 2810 Barbary Lane G., Indianapolis, Ind. 46205. VAN EGMOND Have done much research on VAN EGMOND family. But, still trying to identify ANTHONY JACOB WILLIAM GISBERT LAMORAL VAN EGMOND and his father. Baptismal certificate dated Gavre, 1799, indicates his birth - 10 March 1778, son of JOHN ARNOLD GISBERT LAMORAL, Count of EGMOND, Lord of GAVRE, Drossard of the Region between the MEUSE and the WAAL. Anthony fought under Napoleon; married 1808, Schierstein, Germany; brought family to Pennsylvania in 1819, on to Ontario, Canada, 1828; died 1837. Would appreciate correspondence with interested persons.

Earl TENPOUND found an interesting article about his uncle, Gaston VEYS, published by "The Daily Dispatch of Feb. 17, 1950, and which lists the numerous accomplishment of that man who was born in Belgium on Aug. 14, 1884, arrived in Moline in 1904 at the age of 20. " Between then and when he left not quite 20 years later, he helped organize or was a leader in the following organizations: Friends' Circle, Art and Friendship Dramatic club; naturalization classes; Belgian Sick Benefit Society; Belgian-American Society; Kiwanis Club; Note's band;

- 4 Sacred Heart Parish; Belgian Relief; Belgian-American National Alliance." Gaston VEYS was also an alderman and Fifth ward representative in the Moline City Council. His business interests were many, he worked for the John Deere Plow Co. for a while, also as a reporter for the "Gazette van Moline" of which he became editor, as a salesman, as a teller, as a cashier, at one time he owned his own business in partnership with his brother Joseph. At 37, Gaston VEYS entered the travel business with headquarters in Belgium, where he resided for a while and where he was very active in various organizations, one of which was the "Bond der Oud Amerikanen" an organization of men and women who had returned to Belgium after residing in the U.S. they met on all American holidays and on Memorial days visited the graves of Americans soldiers buried in Belgium. Residing in Deurle aan Leie, EF; in 1950, Gaston VEYS made it known that he longed to go back to Moline.

Earl P. TENPOUND, 3104-13th St. Archer Dr. East Moline, Ill. 61244

Charles and Claudine BELVA inform us that there is a Belgian society for family organizations, it is the "Federation des Associations Familiales de Belgique", 269 Avenue Louise, 1050 Bruxelles, Belgium

Charles and Claudine BELVA, 2710 Beaurivage, Montreal, HIL 5W4 Canada

It was when she was searching in the records of Klerken WF, for Frank DESPEGEL that Bea NEERING found the marriage record of Francois VERMEESCH and Barbara MADDELEIN and consequently the rest of the VERMEESCH family and the marriage of August Josephus NEIRYNCK and Virginia VERMEESCH (married in Klerken 17 May 1865). But no Frank DESPEGEL.... Bea is most grateful to Pierre INGHELS for his help with translation. Bea NEERING, 2113 Midland Rd. Bay City, Mi. 48706

Lois DEMEUSE requested the baptismal record of Marie DELHARDE from Tourinno-les-Gurdons, instead of the requested record, she received the baptismal record of Jeanne Marie LOIS. Just in case this could be of help to someone, here are the other baptisms listed on the photocopy that she received:

Jeanne Marie LOIS, born 10 Jan. 1790, bapt. 12, dau. of Jean Jos. LOIS and Marie Cath. CHATINNE

Marie Jos. BAUDUIN born and bapt. 12 Jan. 1790, dau. of Jean Lambert BAUDUIN and Marie Jos. BOUILLON

Pierre Jo. LENGELE, born and bapt. 10 Feb. 1790, son of Pierre Jos. LENGELE and Beatrice SPINETTE.

Marie Elisabeth TAYMANS born and bapt. May 10, 1790, dau. of J.B. TAYMANS and Anne MERTENS.

Marie Cath. D'ETIENNE born and bapt. June 20, 1790, dau. of Jean Lamb. D'ETIENNE and Anne Marie GHION.

Jean Baptiste SAMBRE born and bapt. July 8, 1790, son of Gregoire SAMBRE and Marie Jos. FLEMAL.

Jean Baptiste DEWIT born and bapt. Dec. 27, 1790, son of Guillaume DEWIT and Marie Jo. TREMBLEY.

Charles Henri STIERNET born and bapt. Feb. 17, 1791, son of Jean Francois STIERNES and Jeanne Jos. FLEMAL.

Jean Baptiste HERALIS born and bapt. March 14, 1791, son of Jean Jos. HERALIS and Marie Anne Jos. SAMBRE.

Norbert Jos. FREMY born March 19, bapt. March 20, 1791, son of Feuillain Jos. FREMY and Marie Jos. STIERNET.

Note that no godparents were listed in these records.

Lois DEMEUSE, Box 50, Fish Creek, Wi. 54212

More from the BELVAS: found in the "Les Grandes familles Quebecoises" 1981, list of pre-1760 emigrants from French Provinces, and other countries Belgium: BARIL (Joseph) 1761- CHEVAL (Jacques-Joseph) 1725- DELACROIX (Hubert) 1732 also known as LACROIX-DELBEC (Pierre) 1673, also known as JOLI - DEGERLAISE (Jean Jacquet) 1667 also known as DESJARLAIS-FOURNIER (Lyvrain) 1726 also known as GRENIER-HAZEUR (Francois) 1668- HAZEUR (Leonard) 1668- LAMY (Michel) 1725- LEBRUN (Ferdinand-Joseph) 1747- MOUTON (Francois) 1759- VANDENDYKE (Joseph) 1678- WALLON (Thierry) 1666.

Netherlands: DEMEULES (Jean Baptiste) 1708- VANNECK ? ?  
Luxembourg: RAYMOND (Francois) 1748-

From the old French Flandre Province, we note: BOMBARDIER (Andre) ? - BOUCHER Etienne 1761- BOULARD (Francois) 1671- CLICHE (Andre) 1766- DEGUISE (Guillaume) 1691- also known as Flamand (Flamand is the French word for Fleming) - DESMOULINS (Jacques) 1667 - DUFRESNE (Etienne) 1747- DUPRE (Antoine) 1672 - FLAMAND (Jean) 1759- GADBOIS (?) 1675- GRENIER (Jean Bapt.) 1732- GUYON (Jean Bapt.) 1742- LAVALLEE (Louis) 1673- LECLERC (Jean Bapt.) 1752 - LEONARD (Jacques Jos.) 1758- MICHEL (Andre Jos.) 1762 - MOREL (Louis) 1755 - PITRE (Jean) 1705- ROY (Louis-Etienne) 1728- THIBAUT (Joseph) 1749 - TISON (Jean Bapt.) 1760.

dates are that of marriages or first mention of that person in records.  
Charles and Claudine BELVA, 2710 Beaurivage, Montreal, HIL 5W4 Canada

Perhaps we should once again remind our "old" members and call to the attention of our "new" members that Baudouin DIERCKX de CASTERLE was interested in forming a Belgo-American family organization for people by the name of DIERCKX (also spelled DIERX, DIERCX, DIRKS, DIRX, DIERCK, DIERCKX). The family DIERCKX de CASTERLE originates comes from Casterle (now spelled Kaslerlee) and Gierle, in what was known as the "Pays de Turnhout" which according to Baudouin DIERCKX de CASTERLE, was part of the Duchy of Brabant; the Duchy of Brabant was composed of the actual Province of Brabant, Province of Antwerp and the Dutch Brabant. If you know of any American DIERCKX/DIRKS who might be interested, please contact: Baudouin DIERCKX de CASTERLE, 244 Avenue Louise, 1050, Bruxelles, Belgium.

Richard RAYMOND is doing extremely well with his Luxemburg research. Maria Anna NIERENHAUSEN and

1840's. They were married in Sheldon. They were born in Europe and both died in Minnesota.  
Richard RAYMOND, 500 Queen Rd. # 2,  
Moscow, Id. 83843

For the benefit of Dorothy LUTOMSKI who is searching for the place of origin of people by the name of GUILLAUME, Pierre INGHELS mentioned to us that he had an uncle by the name of GUILLAUME who was born in Raucourt, French Ardennes, near Sedan. He died in Belgrade/Namur.  
Pierre INGHELS is searching for another Pierre INGHELS... who arrived in Philadelphia, Pa. in 1860, more informations about this gentleman can be found in : United States. Work Projects Administration, Index to Records of Aliens, Philadelphia, Volume 5 of 11, project number 20837, sponsored by Pennsylvania Historical Commission. 1940, Lancour 188. It wasn't possible for Pierre to borrow this book thru inter-library loan, if one of our members has access to it, please copy the page of interest and send it to Pierre INGHELS. Thank you.  
Pierre has a special talent to find interesting and amusing article, the following is a copy (translated) of RULES and REGULATIONS of a Belgian business in 1852.

- 1) Piety, cleanliness and punctuality are a business's main assets.
- 2) Our company having greatly reduced work hours, office employees will only be requested to be at work from 7:00AM to 6:00 PM, and this only during the week.
- 3) Prayers will be offered every morning in the main office. Employees must be present.
- 4) Clothing must be of sober color. Office workers cannot indulge in wearing bright color clothing, stockings cannot be worn unless properly mended.
- 5) No one can wear a coat or overcoat in the offices. In time of extremely cold temperature, scarves and hat are permitted.

- We recommend to every employee who wants to keep warm to bring 4lbs of coal every day during the cold season.
- 7) No employee can leave the office without permission from the director. "Calls of nature" are "permitted", and the land below the second railing has been set aside for that purpose, of course the space should be kept in perfect order.
  - 8) It is forbidden to speak during working hours.
  - 9) Need for tobacco, wine or alcoholic beverages is a human weakness, and as such is forbidden to all members of the personnel.
  - 10) Eventhough work hours were reduced, a lunch break from 11:30Am to Noon is still permitted, but in any case should work cease during that time.
  - 11) Office workers are requested to bring their own pens. There is a new pensharpener in the director's office, it's available upon request.
  - 12) A Senior, assigned by the director, will be responsible for the upkeep of the main office and of the director's office. Juniors and Jeunes will have to report to the director 40 minutes before prayers and will stay after closing hours to clean. Brushes, brooms, rags and soap will be provided by the company.
  - 13) New raises bring salaries up as follows:  
Cadets: (up to the age of 11) 0.50 francs.  
Juniors: (up to 14) 1.45 francs  
Jeunes: 3.25 francs.  
Employee's: 7.50 francs.  
Seniors: (after 15 y. with the company) 14.50 frs.  
The company's owners realize and accept the generosity of the new work law, but expect from the personnel a greater work output to compensate for these almost utopian conditions.

(No wonder your ancestors emigrated !!!!!)

Pierre INGHELS, Fruitdale Rt. 3, Box 3161,  
LaGrande, Oregon 97850

Lucy MILLER would like to learn the Dutch language. Does anyone have any helpful suggestion for her ? She is having a difficult time learning to pronounce vowels from a written description found in a book she bought; another book and cassette is more helpful but it's strictly for tourists.

Lucy MILLER, 60276 W. Oak Grove Rd., Montrose, Co.  
81401

Barbara VANDEPETE has spent 2 years of reading the 1870 Illinois census, unfortunately she has found no VANDEPUTTE/PECOR. Could they have been in Michigan, Wisconsin or Indiana before they were married ?

Barbara has the 1910 Montana Census which she is indexing. Montana is one of the states that is not included in the Soundex. If anyone would like to have it searched, she will be glad to do it.

Barbara VANDEPETE, 8430 Hiway 2 West, Havre,  
Montana 59501

We don't know how Ruth SCHIELTZ does it, but can she ever find informations ! here is a list of emigrants from Nospelt (GD.Lux) found in "DANN SINGEN WIR: VICTORIA, NOSPELTER IMMIGRATION TO AMERICA"

THEISEN, Nicolas, emigrated 1843; NEY Frederic and his wife HOFFELT Catherine and 2 children emigrated around 1844; SIREN, Peter emigrated 1847; JUNG, Michel, his wife, HEYMES Susanne and 3 children emigrated end of 1849; KALMES Pierre and his wife ENGEL Elisabeth and 5 children emigrated 1850; REUTER Nicolas and wife MOUSEL Josephine and 3 children emigrated 1855; REUTER Franziskus 1855 ?; LOEWEN Karl emigrated 1857; NEY Franz and KRANZ Anne emigrated 1857; POST Nicolas in 1859; HAUPERT Nicolas and KRANTZ Marguerite emigrated 1862 ?; KOLBACH Michel emigrated 1863; BONIFAS Jacob 1864; BONIFAS Jacob N. ??; SCHOLTES Theodore and KAYSER Susanne emigrated 1866 with their 3 children; HEYMES Susanne 1868; HILGERT Michel 1868; HOFFELT Jean 1868; HOFFELT Pierre ??; HILBERT Catherine, 1872 ?; NEY Johann Peter 1872 ?

KUNRDARDY Wilhelm emigrated 1875 with 2 children; HOFFELT Jean Pierre, 1883; HOFFELT Marguerite ??; STOLTZ Nicolas emigrated 1883; STOLTZ Jean Joseph ??; WEIS Marie emigrated 1883; MECKEL Nicolas 1883; MULLER Jean emigrated 1883; KREMER Henri emigrated around 1889; ANNE Mathias and MERTEUS Susanne and 4 children 1869; LEY Jean and BATES Susanne and 4 children 1889; BIVER Anne 1890; BIVER Therese 1890; LIPPERT Emile 1890; BONIFAS Jean 1891; BONIFAS Charles 1891; POLFER Johann-Peter 1899; KREMER Nicolas and KUNRDARDY Barbe and 2 children 1899; GARY Anna 1906; GARY Jacques 1906 ?; FISCHBACH Nicolas 1906; BODRY Nicolas 1906; BONIFAS Theodore 1906; BELLION Nicolas 1910.

Ruth SCHIELTZ 11820 Reed Rd. Versailles, Ohio 45380

With the help of Charlotte ROGERS, Lawrence and Margaret DELEURERE were able to find a cousin in Greensburg, through him the graves of Lawrence's grandparents were located. "Mr. Pierre Inghels sent us six addresses in Belgium, we used his form letters and wrote to them all in French. So far, two have answered us, both French speakers. Marie Therese of Renaix says that she is an historian and will search the "Archives de l'Etat" in Renaix for us as many DELEURERES have lived there. The second letter is from Ronse- Renaix from the DELEURERE Soeurs who are Antoinette and Laura, they want us to come to see them. Their grandfather was Francis DELEURERE and a contemporary of Lawrence's grandfather, Frank. He was born in Kwaremont in the Flemish Ardennes".  
The LEURERES went to Europe this summer, but didn't have enough informations to start a successful search in Belgium.

Lawrence and Margaret DELEURERE 1E. 8th. St.  
Hobart, Ind. 46342

Dorothy LUTOMSKI is looking for the N.Y. Passenger lists April-May 1881 which should list Henry VANDER STEEN, if you have any informations about that name, please contact Dorothy LUTOMSKI,  
421 S. Michigan St. Detroit, MI 48226

# CITY DIRECTORIES AS GENEALOGICAL SEARCH AIDS

City Directories often are overlooked in genealogical search although, for those searchers who still reside in the vicinity where their ancestors lived, these directories may be the most readily available. Much information can be gleaned from city directories if they are systematically and thoroughly combed - information that can tell where people lived over the years (helpful for census searching), sometimes when and where they moved, and in rarer instances, give vital statistic details.

City Directories are published privately primarily for commercial purposes; consequently, information obtained from them cannot be accepted with the same authority as government censuses or vital statistics and the information may be anywhere from one to three years behind actual events. When we moved to Florida, it was three years before our names appeared in the local city directory. However, their value lies in their use as a guide for searching other records and in the bits of information that may be found in them. The word "may" is emphasized because, while city directories are consistent in their basic elements, the bits of information added to these elements can be most important and can vary considerable in their content.

Publication of a city directory usually relates to the age and growth of a city. Providence, R.I. has directories dating from the 1840's while Green Bay, Wisconsin started about 1890 and Ridgewood, N.J. in 1928. The geographical coverage of directories also varies, some covering only the city itself while others include surrounding towns and, in some cases, the entire county in which the city is located. Each directory must be carefully examined, year by year, to learn its scope and the format changes that occurred as the area grew.

Initially, city directories had three main sections; general information relative to the organization and government of the city (many times with maps delineating wards) together with lists of churches, schools, cemeteries, etc.; an alphabetical listing of the adult workers with their occupations and home addresses; and a business directory. Later, other sections were added; a street directory which lists all addresses on each street together with the name of the head of the household; and telephone number listings. Because there is such a wide variance in what may be found in city directories, it may be best to cite examples from some cities:

GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN - The earliest directory found was dated 1894-95 but the introduction stated that it was the third directory. It contained

the three basic elements of a directory. In 1921, the alphabetical listing included the first name of a wife in parenthesis after her husband's name and listed widows. Other additions were a Street Directory with names of the heads of households; and an alphabetical listing of names in the Rural Free Delivery Routes. In 1941, the Rural Free Delivery listing was dropped but listings for DePere, Allouez and Preble were included. This directory was not published every year.

BAY CITY, MICHIGAN - The earliest directory seen was dated 1883 and included Essexville and West Bay City. In addition to the basic elements it listed widows but not the wives names with their husbands. In 1901 separate alphabetical listings were printed for Bay City and Essexville, West Bay City, and Bay County. It also included a map of Bay City, Essexville and West Bay City. In 1931, wives names were listed and a Street Directory was added.

The prize for information obtained from city directories can best be shown by the following extracts. Information such as this is unusual and a searcher is most fortunate when he encounters it. All of the cities cited surround Paterson, N.J. Names have been changed, some yearly entries are not included because they revealed no changes, but the entries are as found:

HAWTHORNE-1946 ABLE, John (Mary) Pipefitter, W.A. Corp., house, 123 Royal Ave.  
1950 ABLE, John (Mary) Removed to Fairlawn

FAIRLAWN -1956 ABLE, John (Mary) Plumber, house 127 Lincoln  
ABLE, Alice, Teacher, N.P. Public Schools, 127 Lincoln Ave.

HAWTHORNE-1959 BAKER, Alice, Teacher, 38 Roosevelt Ave., res. 128 Lincoln Ave., Hawthorne  
BAKER, Richard (Alice), Machinist, Paterson, house 128 Lincoln Ave., Hawthorne

FAIRLAWN -1960 ABLE, Alice married Richard Baker, removed to Hawthorne.  
(Note that this entry is in a directory published a year after she is listed with Richard Baker in Hawthorne. Fairlawn directories were published every other year at that time)  
1964 BAKER, Richard (Alice) Engineer, Paterson, house, 52 Albert Ave., Fairlawn.

HAWTHORNE-1971 BAKER, Richard (Alice) President Baker Industries, 330 Wagaraw Rd. Hawthorne, house at Fairlawn.  
1973 ABLE, John died 26 May 1971 age 60.

Where can city directories be found? Start with the City Libraries, then go to the County and State Libraries. The largest collection of directories is in the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C., where a high percentage of all published directories can be found. As you locate directories for your city of interest, keep a chronological inventory of what years you found and in which Library. Such an inventory will be most helpful in determining gaps and where to look if you must backtrack or follow other names.

To summarize a search:

1. Select a city directory for a year in which you are quite sure the person for whom you are looking was living. If not found in that specific year, go to preceding or following years. Be sure to check all possible spellings of the name.
2. When found, copy complete information on the person as well as any others at the same address or of the same name whom you suspect may be associated with that person. If there are not too many entries with the same name, copy all of the entries.
3. Work backward or forward in time. Check each directory - do not skip - copy all information. If the individual disappears, keep checking successive years. (one search showed the return of an individual to a city after an absence of almost 20 years).

From Clement DEROO, 238, N.E. Brunson Ct. Port St. Lucie, Florida 33452

Many thanks for your help, we hope that your summer is most pleasant.

We have very good news, for all of you chocolate lovers, according to Tom MURPHY, (Cherry Heights Terrace, Sandy Hook, Ct. 06482) the Belgian chocolate "COTE d'OR" are coming to the U.S.  
Reward to the first person who spots a bar !!! (and informs me where they are sold, of course).

*Micheline*

Extracts from the Green Bay Advocate, by Loretta DEMANT

June 19. Largest load of the Season.- The steamer SULTANA came in from Buffalo on Sunday night last, with 266 tons of freight, and over 400 passengers a large part of which were Belgian emigrants, who settle on the Peninsula north east of this city. They pre-empt the Government land at the graduation price, which is 50 cents per acre. It is such loads of passengers and freight that settle the country, makes a route pay, and business good. Put Green Bay down at the next census as good for 10,000 and Brown county, for 15,000 more inhabitants.

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Jan. 17, 1856. Suffering among the Emigrants.-

Information was received here last week that a party of Belgian emigrants who have located near the Bay shore in the vicinity of Red River, about 20 miles north of Green Bay, were in a suffering condition for want of provisions. A generous donation in the shape of flour and other supplies, was at once made up by some of our citizens, and sent to them. Messrs. Scott and D.H. Whitney the gentlemen who volunteered to distribute the supplies, give a sad account of their condition.- Wholly unused to provide for a northern winter, their houses or huts are entirely unfit to protect them from the cold, being roughly built of logs and brush, the cracks and crevices of which are so open as to admit the wind freely; and besides the horrors of starvation, they have to face the danger of death by freezing. Many of the men had already frozen their hands and feet. One instance, which he relates to us, will show the necessities they are driven to. During one of the coldest days which we have had, one of the men came up as far as the house of Mr. Rousseau, soliciting provisions for his starving family. It was late before he was ready to return, and as he was insufficiently clad, Mr. R. urged him to stay until morning; but being fearful that his suffering wife and little ones at home might die for the want of provisions, he started home and froze both feet in getting there. Another of the men is gone from home, and his family, not knowing where he is, expect him back every hour. They little suspect that he is probably lying stiff somewhere in the woods. Some of the families exhibit intelligence and evidence of having seen better days, and Mr. R. spoke particularly of one of the children, a boy, who seems remarkably bright and reads and writes fluently. They were all overjoyed at receipt of the supplies and many of them cried outright with joy over the unexpected relief.

It is not clear what team these people are in, but the proper authorities should take instant measures in their behalf. In the meantime, as cold and hunger wait not for the movement of official bodies, we trust that our citizens will provide for their immediate necessities.

Feb. 7, 1856. Information Wanted.- A poor Belgian woman called on us a day or two since, and requested us to seek information, through our paper, of two of her children - girls, one 14 and the other 9 years of age, and also of a Belgian woman with three small children, who were separated from their families while on the road from Milwaukee to Fond du Lac, and who have not been heard of since. She stated that the party left Milwaukee for this place on the 24th of January on foot, and when they had got about ten miles on their way, they were joined by a man with a two-horse team, who, on being asked, allowed the girls and woman with her children to ride with him as far as the party on foot would probably walk by night. The team was lost sight of shortly after, and night came without learning anything of the missing children or the woman. Inquiries were made on the road, but nothing satisfactory could be ascertained to give the party any clue to the mystery, and they came through to this place, after much hardship and suffering on the route, arriving on Wednesday of this week. The names of the two girls are Josephine and Philomene Lalusorne

Any information of the missing ones directed to this office will be joyfully received by their anxious family. Unable to make themselves understood and without means, their position must be a hard one wherever they are.

Since learning the above facts, we have heard a report that a Belgian woman was found frozen to death in the woods a few miles above Depere.

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Feb. 20, 1879 - Ahnapee Record

Death of Father Daems.- The news of the death of the Rev. Edward Daems, Vicar General of the Diocese of Green Bay, is received with profound sorrow by the Catholics of Kewaunee county. The reverend gentleman died at Bay Settlement on Wednesday of last week, of pneumonia. Daems was one of the early pioneer priests of Wisconsin and had an extended acquaintance throughout the country. He was administrator of the Diocese after the death of Bishop Pelchier, and was a candidate in 1875 for the Bishopric. He has held his present position for the long term of twenty five years. The funeral took place last Friday. Father Daems' services as a physician were sought by hundreds in this and adjoining counties, and many of our citizens owe their lives to his skillful treatment.

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Apr. 3, 1879 - Ahnapee Record

Westward Bound.- A letter from Xavier Martin, of Green Bay, dated March 25th, states that on Monday the 24th, he shipped for Charles Martin Co., Minn., five carloads of horses, cattle, household furniture, farming implements, etc. and on Wednesday he left Green Bay with 14 families, numbering about 80 persons all for permanent settlers in the above named county in Minn. Mr. Martin will return in about two weeks and will immediately start another party west. The ordinary cost for tickets from Green Bay to Martin Co. is \$21 but through Mr. Martin's agency the cost is only \$6 for adults, \$3.50 for children and \$10 for a team. The land office is left in charge of M. Duval during Mr. Martin's absence.

From Loretta DEMANT, 14020 56th Road, Sturtevant, WI. 54212

We note that the GENEALOGY SOCIETY OF FLEMISH AMERICANS, 18740-13 Mile Rd., Roseville, Michigan 48066, has interesting things to sell, to name a few: Flemish Folktales (written in English) \$ 6.50 postage paid; Belgians in America (written in English) \$ 6.75 postage paid; Belgian flag stickers \$ 1.00 each postage paid; Bumper stickers: "Being Belgian is Beautiful" \$ 1.00 each pp.; "Het is Mooi Vlaamse-Amerikan te Zijn", \$1.00 pp. Belgian Cookbook \$ 8.50 p.p.; Family Tree charts 28"x20" \$ 2.00 p.p. for more info. please write to the above mentioned society.

Richard H. LEDOSQUET and Sarah Q. LEDOSQUET have been called to serve an 18 months mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Tampa, Florida; as of August 3, 1983, their new Mission address will be: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Florida Tampa Mission, 10050 North Florida Avenue, P.O. Box 17732, Tampa, Florida 33682. Our best wishes to Richard and Sarah for a most successful mission

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 THE CORROY LE GRAND BELGIAN EMIGRANTS typed by Jody ROGERS SPEECE

NOTE: All were listed Catholic in the emigration record.

| NAME                        | BIRTH     |              | MARRIED<br>OR<br>SINGLE | PROFESSION       | HOW<br>MUCH<br>MONEY | WHEN DID<br>THEY LEAVE<br>THE TOWN | WHERE<br>WERE<br>THEY<br>GOING | WHAT MADE<br>THEM DECIDE<br>TO EMIGRATE |
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|                             | PLACE     | DATE         |                         |                  |                      |                                    |                                |                                         |
| Gaspart, Benoit             | Ligny     | 18 Feb. 1792 | Single                  | flour-<br>dealer | -                    | 26 Apr. 1854                       | N.Y.                           | Because of letters                      |
| Heraly, Francois Norbert    | C. Le G.  | 16 July 1796 | Married                 | laborer          | 3000 f               | 4 Aug. 1855                        | N.Y.                           | -                                       |
| Tues, Marie Francoise       | C. Le G.  | 21 Jan. 1801 | Married                 | laborer          | -                    | 4 Aug. 1855                        | N.Y.                           | -                                       |
| Heraly, Michael Jh.         | C. Le G.  | 8 Aug. 1830  | Single                  | laborer          | -                    | 4 Aug. 1855                        | N.Y.                           | -                                       |
| Heraly, Antoinette          | C. Le G.  | 28 July 1839 | Single                  | laborer          | -                    | 4 Aug. 1855                        | N.Y.                           | -                                       |
| Weekman, Pierre Jh.         | Opprebois | 10 Aug. 1833 | Married                 | laborer          | -                    | 4 Aug. 1855                        | N.Y.                           | -                                       |
| Heraly, Victoire            | C. Le G.  | 22 Sept 1833 | Married                 | -                | -                    | 4 Aug. 1855                        | N.Y.                           | -                                       |
| Heraly, Jean Charles        | C. Le G.  | 31 May 1809  | Married                 | laborer          | -                    | 4 Aug. 1855                        | N.Y.                           | -                                       |
| Bouillon, Anne Marie Silvie | Chaumont  | 13 July 1814 | Married                 | -                | -                    | 4 Aug. 1855                        | N.Y.                           | -                                       |
| Heraly, Zenon Florius       | C. Le G.  | 15 Nov. 1841 | Single                  | -                | -                    | 4 Aug. 1855                        | N.Y.                           | -                                       |
| Heraly, Marie Eugenie       | C. Le G.  | 30 Dec. 1846 | Single                  | -                | -                    | 4 Aug. 1855                        | N.Y.                           | -                                       |
| Heraly, Anne Joseph         | C. Le G.  | 19 Oct. 1850 | Single                  | -                | -                    | 4 Aug. 1855                        | N.Y.                           | -                                       |
| Heraly, Florant Jh.         | C. Le G.  | 31 Mar. 1854 | Single                  | -                | -                    | 4 Aug. 1855                        | N.Y.                           | -                                       |
| Gaspart, Leopold Jh.        | Ligny     | 1 July 1789  | Married                 | tavern k.        | -                    | 14 Aug. 1855                       | N.Y.                           | -                                       |
| Gaspart, Henriette          | Ligny     | 48 years old | Married                 | housewife        | -                    | 14 Aug. 1855                       | N.Y.                           | -                                       |
| Gaspart, Julie Pauline      | C. Le G.  | 26 May 1831  | Married                 | housewife        | -                    | 14 Aug. 1855                       | N.Y.                           | -                                       |
| Gaspart, Josephine          | C. Le G.  | 16 Nov. 1833 | Single                  | seamstress       | -                    | 14 Aug. 1855                       | N.Y.                           | -                                       |

C. Le G. =  
Corroy-le-Grand

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|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------|-------------------------|------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
|                                | PLACE     | DATE         |                         |            |                      |                                    |                                |                                         |
| Gaspart, Flore Florance        | C. Le G.  | 12 Nov. 1836 | Single                  | laborer    | -                    | 14 Aug 1855                        | N.Y.                           | -                                       |
| Gaspart, Elise Jh.             | C. Le G.  | 24 Nov. 1838 | Single                  | laborer    | -                    | 14 Aug 1855                        | N.Y.                           | -                                       |
| Gaspart, Alfred Louis          | C. Le G.  | 29 Sept 1841 | Single                  | -          | -                    | 14 Aug 1855                        | N.Y.                           | -                                       |
| Gaspart, Seraphin              | C. Le G.  | 23 Jan. 1844 | Single                  | -          | -                    | 14 Aug 1855                        | N.Y.                           | -                                       |
| Gaspart, Jh. Denis             | C. Le G.  | 12 Dec. 1847 | Single                  | -          | -                    | 14 Aug 1855                        | N.Y.                           | -                                       |
| Gaspart, Alexandre             | C. Le G.  | 29 Mar. 1852 | Single                  | -          | -                    | 14 Aug 1855                        | N.Y.                           | -                                       |
| arbiaux, Leopold Jh.           | C. Le G.  | 10 May 1852  | Single                  | -          | -                    | 14 Aug 1855                        | N.Y.                           | -                                       |
| Mathy, Leon Francois           | C. Le G.  | 24 Mar. 1839 | Single                  | laborer    | -                    | 14 Aug 1855                        | N.Y.                           | -                                       |
| Thomas, Florantine Clement Jh. | Walhain   | 12 Mar. 1829 | Single                  | laborer    | -                    | 8 Feb 1856                         | N.Y.                           | -                                       |
| Vandeveld, Ferdinand           | C. Le G.  | 5 May 1829   | Single                  | farrier    | -                    | 8 Feb 1856                         | N.Y.                           | -                                       |
| Vandeveld, Zacharie            | C. Le G.  | 22 May 1839  | Single                  | -          | -                    | 8 Feb 1856                         | N.Y.                           | -                                       |
| Louis, Jean Jh.                | T. St. L. | 7 Dec. 1829  | Married                 | laborer    | -                    | 27 Feb 1856                        | N.Y.                           | -                                       |
| Jadot, Marie Therese           | C. Le G.  | 6 July 1828  | Married                 | laborer    | -                    | 27 Feb 1856                        | N.Y.                           | -                                       |
| Louis, Eugenie                 | C. Le G.  | 31 Oct 1851  | Single                  | -          | -                    | 27 Feb 1856                        | N.Y.                           | -                                       |
| Louis, Emile Jh.               | C. Le G.  | 27 July 1854 | Single                  | -          | -                    | 27 Feb 1856                        | N.Y.                           | -                                       |

T. St. L. =  
Tourinnes S'  
Lambert

By Henry A. Verslype

Belgians have played a significant role in the history of America, the United States, the Northwest Territory and St. Joseph County. Gerard Mercator, the geographer who applied the name "America" in recognition of Americus Vesputius, was born in Flanders and Peterus Plancius, who financed some of the attempts to find a northwest passage through America, also was a Fleming. Belgium has been and is a bi-lingual country. It is composed of Walloons, successors to the Gauls (the Galli of Caesar's day), who still speak the language of the Gauls with much French and Latin therein, and the Flemish (Vlinderen) a distinctly Teutonic race. The Flemish, natives of Flanders, are descendants of the original Belgae who inhabited the coastal flood plains along the North Sea. They speak the pure tongue of The Netherlands with very little change while the people of Holland (The Netherlands) have changed their language so much over the centuries that they can communicate with today's Flemings only with difficulty.

The first settlement of Belgians in America was at Detroit in about 1800. They came west from the ports of entry by wagon train and were mostly carpenters, masons and cabinetmakers as well as a few farmers. They were quickly put to work to build for the rapidly growing population and soon were sending for their families and friends to come to the new and prosperous land. As was to be the pattern of immigration for many years the men would come alone and after finding work would save every cent they could and when they had the ship fare would send for wives and children, or if single many would send for a sweetheart to come and join them.

Some of those who came to Detroit later moved west to Eaton county, Michigan, some to Indiana and others to Ontario on the north shore of Lake Erie to farm. A large number of these families still farm the Ontario area raising tobacco.

All the above mentioned groups were Flemings from the northern provinces of Belgium, East Flanders and West Flanders. Most of the Belgians in the Saint Joseph County area are from East Flanders, a small portion are from West Flanders and a very small number are from the Wallonian provinces, the Southern part of Belgium.

There is a significant settlement of Walloons in Hartford City in Indiana, near Marion. They came here to work in the glass factories as they did in Belgium and were quickly hired as they did not need to be trained. One of the earliest settlements of Belgians in Indiana was in Perry County in the southern part of the state where John A. Courcier, a veteran of the War of 1812, established his home.

The 1840 census shows a population of 6,146 for St. Joseph County. Among those enumerated are Anthony De Fries and wife with two sons and three daughters as well as John De Fries, wife, one son and a daughter. No place of birth is indicated but the names could be of Belgian origin.

In 1850 census, with place of birth indicated, we find Bernard Reiniers and wife with three children born in Belgium and two in Indiana. By 1850 three Belgians were listed in South Bend, one in Clay township and ten in Mishawaka. By 1890 there was a significant increase in the county's population to 58,881 with 21,819 in South Bend and 3,371 in Mishawaka, of these 491 were Belgians with 103 in South Bend, 332 in Mishawaka and the balance in the townships.

A statistical survey made in 1979 shows that persons of Belgian heritage made up 16 percent of Mishawaka's population with 3.5 percent in South Bend and the rest of the county. This indicates that Mishawaka has the highest percentage of Belgian extraction in the United States. Detroit and Chicago Probably have more numerically but none has a higher percentage.

The Belgians came to this country not for political reasons as so many other Europeans did but for economic reasons. Belgium was over crowded in the Flemish provinces and in the 1800s and early 1900s was very structured socially. It was extremely difficult to increase one's standard of living. They heard of marvelous opportunities in America and they saved or borrowed enough for the father or eldest son of a family to come to this land of plenty where he would work and save so as to send for the rest of the family. They were welcomed here and proved to be hard working thrifty, ambitious, industrious and neat and clean as is attested by their prosperity and advancement in business and industry and their well kept homes. Their names are seldom found on police records, except for the short period when the Volsted Act was part of the law of the land. Belgians have historically been the largest per capita consumers of beer in the world and the "near beer" available at that time was not what they knew as beer so they made their own. A few even made a little

From Livinus GORISSEN of the Vlaamse Vereniging voor Familiekunde, a FAMILY TREE for Gretchen LEISEN:

I PHARAMOND ? d. 428  
 II CHLODIO, King of Tournai/Doornik, died 447?  
 III MEROWIG d. 457?  
 IV CHILDERIC b. 435, King 458, d. Tournai 482  
 V CLOVIS b. 467, King of Merovingians 482, d. 511  
 VI CLOTARIUS I, King of the Franks 558, d. 561  
 VII BLICHILOIS 558  
 VIII ARNULF  
 IX St. ARNULF of METZ b. 580, d. 641  
 X ANSEGISELUS  
 XI PEPIN II of Herstal, Duke of the Franks d. 714  
 XII CHARLES MARTEL b. 676, d. 741  
 XIII PEPIN THE SHORT b. 715, d. 768  
 XIV CHARLEMAGNE b. 742, emperor 800, d. 814  
 XV LOUIS THE PIOUS b. 778 d. 840  
 XVI CHARLES THE BALD b. 823, d. 877  
 XVII JUDITH x BALDWIN I "IRON ARM" d. 879  
 XVIII BALDWIN II b. 863, d. 918  
 XIX ARNULF the GREAT  
 XX BALDWIN the BEARDED b. 988 d. 1035  
 XXIII BALDWIN V of LILLE b. 1035 d. 1067  
 XXIV ROBRECHT THE FRISIAN, Count of Flanders d. 1093  
 XXV GERTRAUDE x DIEDERICK of ALSACE  
 XXVI DIEDERICK of ALSACE  
 XXVII MARGARET I of ALSACE, Countess of FLANDERS d. 1280  
 XXVIII BADWIN of CONSTANTINOPLE d. 1205  
 XXIX MARGARET II of CONSTANTINOPLE, Countess of FLANDERS d. 1280  
 XXX GUY DAMPIERRE, Count of FLANDERS d. 1305  
 XXXI Robert of BETHUNE Count of FLANDERS d. 1322  
 XXXII LOUIS of NEVERS  
 XXXIII LOUIS I OF NEVERS, Count of FLANDERS d. 1346  
 XXXIV LOUIS II of MALE Count of FLANDERS d. 1348  
 XXXV MARGARET III of MALE, countess of FLANDERS x Philipp the Bold, Duke of Burgundy, d. 1405

Please note that the Vlaamse Vereniging voor Familiekunde is now located at:

Van Heybeeckstraat 3,  
 B- 2060 Antwerpen-Merksem  
 BELGIUM

Mr. GORISSEN informs us that PRISMA, an English-Dutch pocket-size dictionary is available from the above mentioned organization, the cost is \$ 3.00 + postage (\$ 5.00?)

Want to keep Livinus GORISSEN happy ? send him your pedigree charts!! again at the above address.

Seen in the "VLAAMSE STAM" that G. RASEMONT, Zilverberklaan 58, 9030 Gent, Belgium, is searching for the descendants of Georges RASEMONT, born in Gent in 1905, emigrated to the U.S. around 1924, died in Cincinnati, Ohio around 1970. his last address was: 3374 Bighorn Court, Cincinnati. Anyone having informations about the descendants of Georges RASEMONT (RASIMONT ? RASMONT?) please contact the inquirer or us.

From Dorothy M. LEE: " We are back from our trip to Ireland and Belgium. It rained almost every day, but we didn't let that dampen our spirits. We rented a car and drove to the small town areas where my ancestors lived. Made a stop at the Commune offices at Jodoigne, Helecline and Walhain. I understand a little French and they understood and spoke a little English and were so very helpful. I was able to get some birth records at each place. .... We had many adventures. Got completely lost trying to drive out of Brussels because the road we were directed to was closed for a festival. We went to Louvain and saw the city hall that my great grandfather worked on as a stonemason. Got lost again in Seraing just out of Liege and were able to find someone to direct us. We headed for Marche and stumbled on the Ardennes U.S. Military Cemetery at Neuville-en-Condroz where we stopped and found out my husband's buddy was buried there. It is a beautiful place. We locked the keys in the car at Walhain, but were able to get a mechanic to open it. In Neerhaillen we stopped at a war

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Altogether, Belgian immigration from 1820 to 1910 reached about 104,000; from 1910 to 1950, 62,000 and since 1950, about 10,000 -- our present quota of 1,350 is usually never filled. We have had then a total of 175,000 Belgian immigrants since 1820. There are no accurate, reliable figures available on the total number of people Belgian by birth or descent in this country today.

By the early 1900s the Belgian population of Saint Joseph county was rapidly increasing. More so in Mishawaka than in South Bend. The Ball-Band and Dodge manufacturing company were expanding and the popularity of the woolen and rubber footwear along with the advantage of the split pulley and rope drive made both of these concerns urgently in need of good workers so the Belgians sent for their families and friends in Belgium to come over. In the early part of this century the Trunk factory and the Perkins Windmill factory were also prosperous. In South Bend the Studebaker and Oliver plants were the suppliers of many jobs.

One of the greater differences between the South Bend and Mishawaka Belgians was that in Mishawaka almost all of them lived in one area and that area was almost exclusively Belgian, while in South Bend the Belgians were integrated with the Hungarians and the Polish in the same area. In both places this was the west end of the city. Since the South Bend Belgians had to use a common language with their neighbors they learned English while in Mishawaka the need to learn English was not so great. One could get along quite well with only Flemish, the language of most of the Belgians in this area. They had a Belgian church with a Flemish pastor until 1927, a Belgian bank, also a bakery, groceries, clothing stores, floral shop, hardware store, doctor, contractors, furniture store, insurance agency and even a Belgian mustard factory. Many of the larger stores downtown had at least one clerk that could speak Flemish and there were several of the departments in the factories that had Belgian foremen and foreladies. This situation lasted into the 20's when you could walk on the street in the west end of Mishawaka and hear Flemish all around you.

This changed when the second generation, who were born and educated here, began to use English at home and the parents picked it up from them. Yet even today there are few if any business places in the west end of Mishawaka where you could not have your needs fulfilled if you could speak only Flemish.

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By the late 1890's the number of Belgian families in St. Joseph parish was 40 and some 25 single persons also were registered. This circumstance in the opinion of Father August Oechtering suggested the need for a priest who could speak their language. He therefore asked the bishop to send him a Belgian priest. After several years of considering the matter Bishop Herman Alerding assigned Father Charles Stuer to Saint Joseph's to serve the spiritual needs of the Belgians.

Shortly after Father Stuer arrived in the fall of 1902 to serve as assistant at St. Joseph's, Father Oechtering became ill and died. This caused a significant change in the circumstances and Father Stuer decided to leave Mishawaka. Before going he decided to have a mission for the Belgian parishioners. The mission was a success and revealed more Catholics than had been expected.

A number of prominent Belgians formed a delegation and visited Bishop Alerding in Fort Wayne to request the permanent assignment of Father Stuer to Mishawaka. They promised to build a church and school for the Belgian Catholics of the area. The bishop agreed and Father Stuer became the first pastor of St. Bavo's.

The following weeks were very busy. On March 27, 1903 a contract was awarded to Meuninck and Hess to erect a school house to serve as a temporary church. Just 37 days later the first mass was celebrated in the new parish by the bishop.

A building committee was formed to erect a permanent church. The members of this committee were Emile Van De Walle, Theophile Goethals, Henri Hanseeuw, Alfred De Groote, August Bultinck, Leo Bultinck, Charles Meuninck, Leonard De Cocker and Alois Gilles.

On Sept. 22, 1903, contracts for the present church were signed and ground broken that same week. On May 8, 1904 the corner stone was blessed and laid. The church was complete and dedicated on New Year's Day 1905. The temporary church was partitioned and on Sept. 11, 1905 St. Bavo's school had it's first classes with three lay teachers.

Father Achille Schockaert succeeded Father Stuer in 1912 and served until 1927 when Father Otto Keller, who had been his assistant, became the pastor after Schockaert retired to Belgium. Father Keller was not a Belgian but by that time almost all the parish could speak and understand English and for the few who could not Father Keller spoke Flemish.

about 5 Van den Bossches listed, I think from the first World War."

Dorothy M. LEE, 5 West Lake Court, Antioch, Ca. 94509

Extremely good news from Tillie RILEY, 164 Terry's Plain Rd., Simsbury, Ct. 06070. "Last week I was blessed with a fantastic letter from the "Centraal Bureau voor Genealogie" whose address was changed by the way. They gave me their address as:

Postbus 11755

2502 AT 's Gravenhage (Netherlands)

They also told me that Jean Bernard VAN DEN BOSSCHE was born in Watervliet (Belgium) on 4 December 1793. He was president of the orphanage Storehouse at Soerabaja (Java) and died there on 26 February 1840. He was married on 28 October 1813 in Etterbeek, (Belgium) to Catherine NAVEAU (born in Brussels ± 1794, died in 's Gravenhage 1842, daughter of Nicolas Joseph NAVEAU, Burgomaster of Etterbeek and of Catherine COENRAETS). Jean Bernard's father was Jan Frans VAN DEN BOSSCHE, born ± 1751 and died in Waterland (Belgium) 7 January 1795 and was buried there on 10 January 1795. He was married to Maria Jacoba D'HUGUETTER who died in Watervliet (Belgium) 25 February 1794. I obtained this information after considerable correspondence and payment of fl. 80.00 (\$48.58) but I just can not be grateful enough for the end result!

They could not find the marriage place nor exact date of marriage of Sarah BRIART DE QUARTER (Married to Edouard Denis Ernest VAN DEN BOSSCHE) born in Curacao ± 1832, died in 's Gravenhage 24 April 1905 daughter of Hendrik Willem DEQUARTEL and Johanna Elisabeth SCHOTBORGH, but they gave me the address of the "Centraal Historisch Archief", Roodeweg 7-A, Willemstad, Curacao, N.A., where they advised me to continue my research for this information."

WE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION FROM:

Mr. Henri Jean GOFFINET, rue de l'Arboretum 6830 Bouillon, Belgium. Mr. GOFFINET is searching for the descendants of his grand-uncle, Francois Joseph GOFFINET who was born in La Gleize, LG, in 1839, he married Marie Victoire MAILLET who was born in 1853 in Fauvillers. They emigrated to the U.S. shortly after their wedding. According to family tradition, they had 16 or 18 children born in the U.S. Francois Joseph GOFFINET went back to live alone in Belgium where he died 14 March 1913 in Neufchateau LX, his death record shows that he was a resident of Florence, Kansas. The very kind librarian of Florence, Ks., spoke to a few people in Florence who remembered an Albert GOFFINET who lived there during the 1940-1950's, he was a single man, pleasant, and hard working at several trades, he left Florence and moved to Newton.

Francois Joseph GOFFINET's sister emigrated also to the U.S where she married a man by the name of BAUER, he was a justice of the peace in Spokane, Washington, they had 6 children. Anyone having informations about the GOFFINET/MAILLET and BAUER/GOFFINET descendants please contact Mr. GOFFINET.

An interesting footnote: In 1963, Mr. GOFFINET was the only one interested in genealogy, among the members of the "Societe d'Histoire et d'Archeologie de Sedan", the interest in genealogy grew and the "Cercle de Genealogie et d'Heraldique des Ardennes" was born, membership is 400.....

We would like to remind you that Mr. Jean-Michel SABLON, 9 Vieux Chemin de Marly, 78560, Le Port Marly, France, is interested in finding American people by the name of SABLON.

A request for informations from Mr. Raymond

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Father Nieuwland was to become one of South Bend's greatest contributors of knowledge to the world of chemistry. Julius Arthur Nieuwland was born in Hambeke, Belgium Feb. 14, 1878. His family moved to South Bend in 1829. He received a bachelor's degree from Notre Dame in 1899, entered the Congregation of Holy Cross and was ordained a priest in 1903. He also received a Ph. D. degree from the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. in 1904. From 1904 to 1918 he was professor of botany at Notre Dame. His appointment in 1918 as professor of organic chemistry led to his contribution to the discovery of synthetic rubber, Neoprene in 1931. He was awarded the Morehead Medal in 1933 and the Nichols Medal of the American Chemical Society in 1935.

The prosperity that occurred during World War I had left some of the business men of the Belgian community with money to invest so they got together with a few others and made plans to start a bank in the west end of the city where most of the Belgians lived.

They organized and applied for a charter in June of 1920 and the state granted them a charter. In December of the same year they opened for business as the West End State Bank. M. W. Mix was president, he was also president of the Dodge Manufacturing Co. Directors were Leo P. Van Rie, Belgian physician and surgeon, A. C. Colpaert, Belgian real estate developer of River Park and Belleville, Charles Meuninck, contractor builder of St. Bavo's Church, Victor De Meester, Belgian clothing store proprietor, F. W. Howlett, Ernest Becke, and Mix. After a short time Mix and Howlett resigned and were replaced as directors by Camiel De Meulenaere the proprietor of a Belgian grocery and market, and Nelson Christenson. Dr. Van Rie became president. Arthur Wolf was cashier and Charles Van De Walle assistant cashier. Van De Walle, a teenager at that time, later became president.

It is interesting to note that in 1924 the assets of the bank were \$500,000. The successor of the West End State Bank, The Valley Bank and Trust Co. in 1981 had \$150,000,000 and was contemplating a merger to bring the total assets up to

\$300,000,000.

With Charles Van De Walle in the bank when it opened the Belgian community could conduct their business in their native language, and this is still true today in the West End Branch of the Valley Bank. At the present time there are still Belgians on the board of directors, Oscar Elbode and James Cocquyt.

The Belgian American Businessmen's Assn. was founded in 1939 and remained active for 25 years. Two of the original organizers were Adolph Fobe of the West End Bakery and Raymond Vander Heyden of the Vander Heyden Travel Agency. Vander Heyden was the organization's first president.

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Others active in the Mishawaka business field were Predan Ghyselincx and Theo Verleye. Insurance and real estate, De Meester, De Beck and Van Volson dry goods, Van De Castele shoes, Rene Graveel maker of Belgian mustard, A. C. Colpaert real estate and subdivision developer, Soens Electric, Isidor Van Huffel of Lock Joint Tube and many others.

Mishawaka also had two Belgian doctors, L. P. Van Rie and Chas. Goethals.

Pigeon racing is a traditional Belgian sport. The first pigeon club in the county was started in Mishawaka in the mid 1890s. By 1912 there were two pigeon clubs in Mishawaka and one in South Bend. The two Mishawaka clubs would fly their races in opposite directions, one to the south-west, the other to the north-east. Later the two clubs combined and joined the American Federation of Homing Pigeon Clubs. At one time the Mishawaka club was so large it used 112 timing clocks to record the time of the pigeons in the races. Today there are about 25 members in the club and this includes South Bend members.

Some of the names of the early members include: Bultinck, De Meester, De Beck, Coppens, Van Daele, Landuyt, Roelandts, Maenhout, Van De Wielle and many more. These names are still prominent in Mishawaka current events.

During both WWI and WWII the pigeon club donated carrier pigeons to the government for use in the signal corps.

The present location of the pigeon club is at 819 1/2 West 5th st. and is the oldest Belgian club in Mishawaka or South Bend. (The sculptured bird above the entrance of St. Bavo's church is a dove representing the Holy Spirit and is not, as some might expect a racing pigeon.)

One of the early social clubs among the Belgians in Mishawaka was the Belgian American Club organized in 1915. This was succeeded by the Aeltre Kermis Club in 1923. This lasted until 1927 when the Broederenkring Club was started with Adolph Fobe as its first president. The first club rooms were on 8th and Wells but by 1930 they were building their own building on the south east corner of 8th and Wells St.

Belgium, was "made to order" for Luana BAUER, Mr. GILSOUL was looking for the descendants of Hubert GILSOUL and Catherine TILMAN who emigrated to the U.S. from Crehen between 1846-1856. So far as we know all the emigrants from Crehen settled in Rice Co., Minnesota, and that's Luana BAUER's territory, not only that but she has also some GILSOULS among her ancestors. The help that she is providing Mr. GILSOUL is most appreciated, they have found that they are related.

Mr. Jean DUCAT, 4 Belle-Vue 5670 Biesme, Belgium is the president of the Archeo-Paleonto-Historique de Charleroi, and is offering his help to those who like him have ancestors from the Brabant region who settled in Charleroi - some of them, as you know, emigrated to the U.S. Mr. DUCAT is also a member of the Wallonie-Wisconsin Association, and came to Wisconsin with that group this summer.

Mr. Jean GAZIAUX, 62, rue St. Nedard, 5900, Jodoigne, Belgium is searching for the descendants of Constant FORTEMPS who was born in Jauchelette in 1856, which he left for Brussels in 1873, than for the U.S. in 1875. Mr. GAZIAUX has a picture of Constant FORTEMPS and his bride on their wedding day (Obarga, ILL) and one taken much later, showing the same couple with their 9 daughters.

The MADONNA COLLEGE, 36600 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, Michigan 48150, is building a new library which will have an area designated as the "BELGIAN HERITAGE READING ALCOVE" - contributions in any amount are invited; for more informations contact: Sister Mary Francilene VAN DE VYVER at the above address.

Armand and Eveline VANWELDE are pleased to announce the birth on June 4, 1983 of another grandchild: Veronique, daughter of Carl and Carl and Marie-France VANWELDE-DROUART of Brussels, Belgium.

" In 1868, a brother of my direct ancestor wrote that he was going to emigrate from Belgium, without mentioning where he was emigrating to, this letter, dated June 1868, was addressed to the Belgian Military Authorities, requesting also his father's military papers, who had been an officer. Nothing about the whereabouts of that person is known, perhaps he emigrated to the U.S., could you help in finding if he did ?, his name was Henry Hyacinthe Leopold VAN LANGHENHOVEN, born in Mol, Antwerp, 16 Nov. 1835." Jean VAN LANGHENHOVEN, " Le Village" Luzinay 38200 Vienne, France.

In "BELGIAN LACES" # 2/26, p. 24, we ran a query for Mr. Camille PERBAL, Avenue des Coccinelles, 2, 1170 Brussels, Belgium, who would like to find where Nicolas PERBAL emigrated and if he left any descendants; from recent researches, Mr. Camille PERBAL, found that his uncle didn't emigrate in 1848, as previously thought, but at a later date, probably after 1852.

We would like to thank Anita BECKER for the research she has done on behalf of Mr. Perbal.

The LIBRARY of CONGRESS has requested (and shall receive) past, present and future issues of "BELGIAN LACES".

The club's goal was to promote the welfare of all persons especially those of Belgian heritage. They promote the traditional Belgian sports of bowling, with discs about 9" in diameter and 3" thick, archery, not at bullseye targets but at feathered corks on a rack, and darts. From 1929 to 1935 they also had a football team and have also sponsored American bowling and soft ball teams over the years.

In South Bend the Volskring Club was organized in 1927 "for the purpose of wholesome family entertainment, to lead our people upward and urge them to become fine American citizens".

Other clubs that prospered from time to time were the Belgian Band which played for dances and at picnics or other gatherings of Belgians, the Belgian Bicycle Club which at one time conducted races at its own velodrome near the corner of West and 14th st., the Belgian Bowlers Club and the Belgian Civic and Democratic Club. Also largely Belgian was the K T K Fraternity.

"BELGIANS BRING MORE THAN PIGEON RACING" by Henry VERSLYPE is a chapter of the book "From Council Oak\* to the Shopping Malls" published by the writing class at "Forever Learning".

\* Council Oak, a tree in South Bend, under which La SALLE met with the chief of the POTTOWATAMIS.

Henry VERSLYPE plans to go on with his writings about Belgians, he is attempting to gather as much informations as possible about the Belgians who settled in the Mid-West, can you help?

Henry A. VERSLYPE, 546 W. 13th St. Mishawaka, Ind.  
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From Vivian KRUEGER, 1832 Sauk Trail, Sauk Village,  
Ill. 60411

"Happy is the DE FOREST researcher who locates a copy of the work of J.W. DE FOREST, published by the Tuttle-Morehouse and Taylor Co., in 1900. The "THE DE FORESTS of Avesnes and New Netherlands, a Huguenot Thread in American Colonial History - 1494 to Present Time (1900)" is a gold mine of early records of the De FOREST and related lines. The author researched grave sites in Avesnes and early church and civil records."

Albert CLAUDE, 84, died in Brussels, Belgium, on May 22, 1983, in 1974 he shared the Nobel Prize for his research work that helped create the science of cell biology along with Christian DE DUVE of Belgium and George PALADE of the United States. Professor CLAUDE, a citizen of the United States, was an expert in cytology - the study of the structure and function of cells. He pioneered the use of electronic microscopes in cancer research and isolated the first carcinogenic virus in 1933. Professor CLAUDE was born in 1899 in Longlier, 83 miles southeast of Brussels. He dreamed of studying medicine as a youngster but never finished high school. Instead he became an apprentice draftsman at a steelworks. During World War I, he worked for the British intelligence service and was once cited for valor by Winston Churchill, then Britain's war minister. Because of his wartime service, the Belgian government allowed him to start his university studies in 1922. He was graduated in 1928 and joined the New York's Rockefeller Institute, a medical research facility, saying he wanted to do research work in the structure of cells. He worked there until 1950 - first as an assistant, then as an associate and later as a member. He returned to Belgium to head the cytology department at the Free University of Brussels. Later he was associated with the University of Liege.

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#### ANTWERP PASSENGER LIST

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# 20 CATHARINA, Capt. EDWARDS, dep. 24 May 1855

BARAS, Marie Therese, 57, Pietrebais, BT  
COEL, Jos. 24, Adele 22, Desire 21, Anna Jos 20,  
Fabien 13, all from Pietrebais, BT  
LEPAGE Denis, 30, Pietrebais ?  
DANVOYE Jean Bapt. 24, Opprebais BT  
MASSET Max. 28, Pietrebais, BT  
BERO, Nicolas 56 from Pietrebais BT  
MARNISSE

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BERO Eugenie 19, Victor 15, Joseph 7.  
DEBECKER Pierre 55, Pietrebais BT.  
DEBECKER COLLARD Marie Therese 56, DEBECKER  
T.X? 25, Pierre Joseph 21, Maria Cath. 26,  
Philomene 18, Sidonie 13, Maria 11, all from  
Pietrebais, BT.  
ROWARD Francois, 29 Pietrebais, BT  
NOEL Joseph, 58 Glimes, BT  
GODENNE J.Jos. 35 Rothosen ?  
PAYE Jean Pierre, 57, Nethen BT, VANDERBECK  
Marie Therese 58, PAYE Theophile 21, all  
from Nethen, BT.  
VANDERBECK J. B. 56, Archennes, Maria Jos. 25,  
from Archennes, BT  
MOENS Jos. 40, from Archennes, BT, VERNEANNES  
M.H. 36, MOENS Adolph 11, J.F. 7, Engelbert 5,  
.....2, all from Archennes, BT

# 21, to Quebec and Montreal, "RICHARD ALSOP"  
Capt. WADE. left 6 June 1855

DE BAEREMACKER August, 21, Getn, EF

DALMERD Jean Jacques 31, from Gent, (signed his  
name DEMERS)

VAN ROMPAY Jean Francois 42, from Bael (Baal) BT  
DEBROUCKE Max. 36, Beauvechain BT,

ANRI Henri, 32, L'Ecluse BT, MECHIELS Nathalie  
32, ANRI Marie Jos. 3, Melanie 1 1/2 all from  
L'Ecluse BT

BELEAN Charles 42, Pietrain BT, MOUCHE Cath. 41  
BELANE Esperance 7, Ferdinand 6, Marie Therese  
4 all from Pietrain BT.

ALBERT Antoine 19, Huppaye, BT,

POTIER Jacques 29, POTIER Ferdinand 28 from  
Huppaye, BT.

CRICKLER Gustave 38, Marelle (Marilles) BT

BRETRAND Marie Jos. 37, CRICKLER 7 1/2, Francois

Jos. 6, Hector Jos. 3, Elisa 1 1/2 from Marilles BT

MOTTART Clement 27 from Huppaye BT,

VANDERSMISSEN Eleonore 24 from Huppaye Bt

DELARUELLE Xavier from Melin BT, DELHAZE

Catherine 46, DELARUELLE Pelagia 18, Hectoria 13

Pauline 10, Floribert 10, Florence 7, Antoinette

1 1/2 HONART Jacques 53, all from Melin BT

BOUCHER Mathieu 53, Dongelberg BT, MORET

Marie Therese 54, BOUCHER Louis 23, Constant 20

Jean Baptiste 16, Henri 7, Octavia all from

...

Dongelberg, BT.

RAVERS Francois 28, from Mendorpe (Merdop, LG ?)

signed his name RAVET, BOUCHERE M. Josephe 25,

RAVERS Marie 1 1/2, Marie Louise 2.

MINAERT Ed. from Masserman (Massemen ? EF)

SANDELEER Pierre from Bruges WF

PUTZEYS Martin from Bruges WF

VERHAEGEN Julien Napoleon 42, Aarschot BT

CREEMERS Arnold (Venlo ?)

PELECHIED Et. Jos. 35 Comesse? (Comines?HT)

NOQUIN Leon, 32 Verviers LG.

# 22 to New York, "W.F. SCHMIDT" Capt. SEARS.  
no date of departure given.

Jean CAEKAERT 30, Nevelle EF, Maria DE

BRABANDTE 29.

Pierre DEGARDIN 42, Trouchiennes (Tronchiennes/  
Drongon ? EF)

Nicolas ARENDT 41, Maria GEIMER 40, Marguerite

14, George 9, Nicolas 3, from Garnich LX.

GUILLAUME Gillet 53, Helene ARENDT 38, Jean

11, Madeleine 19, Susanne 7, Catharina 5

Christine 3, Dominique 3/4 from Attert LX.

Cyrille DE GRUYSE 29, Roulers (Roeselare WF)

Jean Josp. LAMBERT 41, from Foulers

Joseph MARCELLE, Marie HOFFINET 40, Jean Jos.

18, Pauline (Pietrain 15).....10, Xavier 7,

all from Roeselare WF. (Roulers)

Pierre MATTOT 26, Ferdinande DELLIGNE 24,

Adelaide 3/4 from Thorembais BT.

Etienne Joseph BOUCHON 31, Susanne MIGOT 29,

Marie MIGOT 34, Joseph MIGOT 57 all from Grez

Doiceau BT.

Clement SABINE 43, Marie BLANCHE 47, Alphonse

SABINE, JOSEPH SABINE 3 all from Grez-Doiceau BT

Constant DELCOTT 25, Marie VANDRIES 27, Cecile

1 1/2 all from Grez-Doiceau.

Lambert BRISE 52, Marie PIRA 50, Esperance 27,

Adele 24, Isabelle 20, Vital 5, all from Dion-le

Val BT

Jean Francois HAIT 24, Dion-le-Val BT

Jean Baptiste VALKE 44, Romaine 21, Charles 18,

Virginie 15, all born Dion-le-Val, BT, Henri

13 born Roulers, Ferdinand born Roulers,

Benoni 9 1/4, Gustave 7 1/2 Leonard 6.